

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first paragraph, page 7, lines 1-3 with the following amended paragraph:

The shaft 2 may be set in motion even if the driven shaft 3 is not stationary. In this case, when the speed of the driven shaft 3 becomes equal to the speed of the shaft 2, engagement takes place.

Please replace the second paragraph, page 7, lines 6-23 with the following amended paragraph:

Advantageously, clutch engagement can be improved when the driving shaft 2 is set in motion by arranging within the device a brake 21 intended to slow the driving element 12 in its rotation with respect to the driving shaft 2. In practice, the brake 21 can be placed inside the casing 4 and brake the rotation of the driving element 12. By braking the driving element 12 with respect to the casing 4, the driving element 12 is slowed with respect to the driving shaft 2 when the driving shaft 2 is set in motion. The brake is, for example, of the reluctance type so as to avoid any mechanical friction between the casing 4 and the driving-element 2 driving element 12. In one embodiment given by way of example and depicted in figure 4, the brake 21 comprises a plurality of slots 22 made in a magnetic material belonging to the driving element 12, a plurality of permanent magnets 23 secured to the casing 4 and in interaction with the magnetic material.

Please replace the third paragraph, page 7, line 25 - page 8, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

The slots 22 are situated on an exterior cylindrical part 24 of the driving element 12, which cylindrical part 24 is of the axis 1. The cylindrical part 24 is made of the magnetic material. The permanent magnets 23 are situated in an interior cylindrical part 25 of the casing 4. The interior cylindrical part 25 is also of the axis 1 so that when the

driving element 12 rotates inside the casing 4, each permanent magnet 23 interacts magnetically with a slot 22 then with a solid part 26 of the magnetic material of the driving element 12 alternately. A solid part 26 separates two slots 22 and there are as many slots 22 as there are solid parts 26 on the exterior cylindrical part 24. The alternating interaction of the permanent magnets 23 with the slots 22 and with the solid parts 26 generates forces which tend to slow the driving element 12 in its rotation about the axis 1.

Please replace the third full paragraph, page 8, lines 21-24 with the following amended paragraph:

In figure 4, six rollers 27 have been depicted with their ramp 30 and their respective elastic element 31. The surface of revolution [[31]] 29 is common to all the rollers 27.